## Hazardous Substances Emergency Events Surveillance (HSEES) Program

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services 2004 HSEES Events – Quarterly Summary \* January 1 through March 31 (First Quarter)

## ST. LOUIS COUNTY

	Fixed Facility	<b>Transportation</b>	Total
County events this quarter:	3	2	5
Statewide events this quarter:	42	28	70

## **Types of Substances Released:**

Mercury Methanol

Reaction: Phosphoric Acid/Sodium Bisulfate/Sulfur Dioxide

Solvent NOS Pesticide NOS

Number of Victims: 9

Types of Injuries Sustained: N/A

Respiratory Skin Irritation

Trauma – not chemical related

**Injury Outcomes:** N/A

Treated at hospital – not admitted

Number of Events with Evacuations: 1

**Number of People Evacuated: 50-60** 

## **Interesting Events:**

A vehicle collision caused the release of 100 gallons of pesticide.

There was a line leak that released 900 gallons of methanol to the soil due to a plumbing corrosion.

Eight employees were taken to the hospital after a worker improperly mixed two chemicals releasing a gas. The employee was adding a chemical to a container that was thought to have contained the same chemical. The gas traveled through the vents of other parts of the building causing employees to become exposed.



<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary data - subject to change